

WEALTHY CORPORATIONS AVOID THEIR FAIR SHARE OF TAXES

(Mr. STRICKLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, the American people need to know what is happening. Wealthy corporations are choosing to leave America, go to Bermuda, get a post office box, simply to avoid paying their fair share of taxes.

This is happening at a time when our colleague, the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), tried to get an amendment to the Postal-Treasury appropriations bill that would say, if a corporation does this, they should not have access to lucrative Federal contracts. But the leadership in this House said oh, no, we cannot do that.

At a time when we are raising the cost of prescription drugs on our veterans from \$2 to \$7 a prescription, and at a time when the pension for wartime veterans' widows is a measly \$534 a month, we are allowing wealthy corporations, in a time of war, to avoid their fair share of American taxes.

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Who is going to pay those taxes? Are veterans?

BORN-ALIVE INFANTS PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, thank you, Jill Stanck. Jill is an obstetrical nurse at Christ Hospital in Illinois. After observing a child born alive after an abortion procedure and left to die, she became involved in righting this wrong through the legislative process, hence, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act.

On July 18 the other body voted unanimous consent to approve the Born Alive Infants Protection Act. The bill is now sent to the President for his signature. This bill passed both Chambers easily because we all felt, pro-lifers and those that are pro-choice, that infants who are born alive at any stage of development are individual human beings who are entitled to the full protection of the law.

Thanks to the work of Jill Stanck, the Concerned Women of America, Members of both the House and the Senate, and soon President Bush, a baby born alive will not be left to die in a hospital again.

CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONER DR. OSCAR ELIAS BISCET

(Mr. DEUTSCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, many of us here in this Chamber have adopted

Cuban political prisoners in order to publicize their unjustified incarceration. We have done so in hopes of helping them to regain their freedom and shed light on the numerous injustices and human rights violations of the Castro regime in Cuba.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to discuss my adopted Cuban prisoner, Dr. Oscar Biscet. Inspired by Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Dr. Biscet's nonviolent resistance to the Cuban government has received international attention. As president of the Lawton Foundation for Human Rights, Dr. Biscet was arrested 40 times in three months for his peaceful opposition and organizing activities.

In 1999, he carried out a 40-day prayer fast and organized schools on non-violent tactics. This soft-spoken physician was condemned to 3 years in prison for hanging a Cuban flag upside down at a press conference.

Recognized by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience, Dr. Biscet has suffered through solitary confinement, torture, and an appalling lack of medical care. Still his faith in mankind endures, as he demonstrated when he told the policemen who were torturing him with lit cigarettes, God loves you.

Mr. Speaker, allowing for political dissent and debate is a fundamental reason why democracy adapts to, and represents the will of the people. I urge the Cuban government to listen to the will of its people, to end its continued human rights abuses, and to release Dr. Biscet and other political prisoners like him immediately.

COMMEMORATING INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on August 15, 1947, India became an independent nation. Just as Americans look forward to their day of freedom every July 4, people of all faiths come together in India to celebrate a struggle for independence begun by Mahatma Gandhi.

Both America and India fought against British domination to secure freedom for their nations. People in both countries cherish the freedoms found in our respective constitutions, such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion. The framers of India's constitution were greatly influenced by the founding fathers of America, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and George Washington.

America is now the world's oldest parliamentary democracy and India the world's largest democracy. The future looks bright for both of our countries. We have grown closer since victory in the Cold War, and rightfully so since we share the same values. America and India should take action to boost our bilateral trade and must co-

ordinate defense strategies to maintain stability in South Asia. Both America and India serve as models for democracy and freedom around the world. And our independence days are symbols of these achievements.

STOP THE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST CHILDREN DNA ACT OF 2002

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this Nation must express outrage about its murdered, abused and sexually violated children. Samantha Runnion, and Elizabeth Smart and Laura Ayala in my own district and Danielle Van Dam and Rilya Wilson out of Florida missing for a year. We must express our outrage.

Only 22 States in this Nation require of sex offender registries to keep DNA samples, the very materials that allow those very effective law enforcement in California to find the horrific alleged murderer of Samantha Runnion. That is why this week I will offer the Save Our Children, Stop the Violent Offenders Against Children DNA Act of 2002, that will instruct the Attorney General to hold a separate, free-standing DNA database for all sex offenders and offenders against children in this Nation.

We wish we did not have this kind of violence against our children, our most precious resources, but we should give every opportunity to our law enforcement to be able to find the perpetrator quickly and bring he or she to justice.

What an outrage, killing our babies, and no one standing up to say a word. We must have the ability to solve these crimes and stop these crimes.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

(Mr. RYUN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, shortly after the events of September 11, we made a promise that we would fight the war on terror to its finish in order to ensure security of every American. Recognizing this, President Bush has outlined a plan to consolidate homeland security functions into the Department of Homeland Security.

The President warned us that making such a major change could be very contentious and this has been proven to be somewhat true. Some are afraid that the traditional missions not related to homeland security may not be adequately filled after restructuring. Others simply balk at the idea of leaving the status quo.

We must use every resource to ensure that the loss of innocent life does not occur again. To achieve that again, we will cut through bureaucracies and consolidate numerous agencies to ensure that future terrorist attacks are prevented.